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SUBJECT: ICAO ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL (AWOD) MEETING,  
APRIL 4-21, 1978, RECOMMENDING TRSB MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM (MLS)

REF: STATE 102606 (NOTAL)

1. LANDING SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AS AMERICAN HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED BY AUSTRALIAN PRESS IN LARGE, FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES AS AN AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SYSTEM WAS FIRST DEVELOPED BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION, CSIRO (COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION), UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. PAUL WILD, HEAD OF DIVISION OF RADIO PHYSICS. SYSTEM WAS THEN IMPROVED IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH AMERICAN RESEARCHERS. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SYDNEY-BASED AMALGAMATED WIRELESS AUSTRALIA AND HAWKER DE HAVILLAND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF INTERSCAN, AND AUSTRALIAN CONSORTIA ARE COUNTING ON WINNING A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE (A DOLS 300 MILLION IS FIGURE USED BY PRESS) OF WORLDWIDE CONTRACTS PROJECTED AT DOLS 5 BILLION OVER NEXT 10 YEARS.

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2. IF AUSTRALIAN PRESS CHARACTERIZATION OF SYSTEM AS AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN IS ACCURATE, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT POSTS RECEIVING REFTEL BE MADE AWARE OF THIS FACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND INDICATE COGNIZANCE OF IT IN ANY APPROACHES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF NATIONAL PRIDE IS EVIDENT IN AUSTRALIAN PRESS TREATMENT OF THIS VICTORY, AND CONSIDERABLE HARM CAN BE DONE TO U.S. IMAGE IN AUSTRALIA BY APPEARING, EVEN

INADVERTENTLY, TO SUGGEST THAT WE CLAIM FULL CREDIT FOR A JOINT  
DEVELOPMENT. TO PARAPHRASE A WELL-KNOWN PROVERB? A SMALL GESTURE  
MAY BE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.  
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